

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 NATO 05871 240815Z
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 PM-04 INR-07 L-03 ACDA-07
NSAE-00 PA-01 SS-15 PRS-01 SP-02 USIA-06 TRSE-00
MC-02 NSC-05 /066 W
-----071240 240817Z /12

R 231333Z JUN 77
FM USMISSION NATO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4402
SECDEF WASHDC
INFO CSAF WASHDC

C O N F I D E N T I A L NATO 05871

SECSTATE FOR EUR/RPM. SECDEF FOR OASD/ISA AND ODDR&E.
CSAF FOR RDPW/ATF.

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: NATO, OCON, MILI, AWACS
SUBJECT: NATO AEW - CNAD HIGH LEVEL GROUP

REF: STATE 84823 DTG 150056ZAPR77

1. THERE FOLLOWS IN PARA 3 THE TEXT OF CANADIAN PERMREP
HARDY'S LETTER TO SYG LUNS BY WHICH HARDY PROPOSES THAT
THE CNAD HIGH LEVEL GROUP (HLG) BECOME AN AD HOC COMMITTEE
REPORTING DIRECTLY TO THE DPC. THE CANADIANS BELIEVE THAT
NATO AEW IS A POLITICAL ISSUE WHICH NEEDS TO BE DEALT WITH
IN A HIGHER LEVEL FORUM SUCH AS THE DPC.

2. COMMENT: WHILE WE AGREE, AS WASHINGTON DOES (REFTEL),
THAT THE NATO AEW PROGRAM IS A POLITICAL ISSUE, WE DO NOT
BELIEVE UPGRADING THE HLG WILL SERVE A USEFUL PURPOSE. AS
THE STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE NATO AEW PROGRAM OFFICE
(NAPO), THE HLG MUST DEAL WITH A WIDE RANGE OF MATTERS,
MANY OF WHICH ARE OF A TECHNICAL NATURE, SUCH AS AIRCRAFT
CONFIGURATION, AIRCRAFT AND GROUND ENVIRONMENT CONTRACT
DEFINITION EFFORTS, EVALUATION OF POTENTIAL OPERATING BASE
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 NATO 05871 240815Z

LOCATIONS, AND NAPO BUDGET AND MANNING PROBLEMS. HOWEVER,
BECAUSE OF THE POLITICAL NATURE OF THE EVENTUAL DECISIONS
ON THESE MATTERS, WE AGREE THAT PERMREPS SHOULD BE KEPT
INFORMED OF THE WORK OF THE HLG AND NAPO, AND PARTICULARLY
OF EMERGING POLITICAL PROBLEMS. THEREFORE, WE RECOMMEND A
MIDDLE GROUND BETWEEN THE PRESENT SITUATION AND THE CANA-
DIAN PROPOSAL. SPECIFICALLY, THE ASYG FOR DEFENSE SUPPORT,

AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CNAD, COULD PERIODICALLY REPORT HLG PROGRESS AND PROBLEMS REQUIRING HIGHER LEVEL POLITICAL CONSIDERATION TO THE NADREPS (CNAD IN PERMANENT SESSION) AND UPON NATIONAL APPROVAL IN THAT FORUM, TO THE COUNCIL (RATHER THAN THE DPC, TO KEEP THE FRENCH INVOLVED). THIS IS NOT A DEPARTURE FROM RECOGNIZED REPORTING PROCEDURE, AND IN FACT ASYG LABERGE HAS BEEN KEEPING NADREPS INFORMED OF HLG ACTIVITIES. END COMMENT. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE.

3. BEGIN TEXT OF HARDY LETTER TO LUNS.

- AT THE LAST DPC MINISTERIAL AND CNAD MEETINGS THE CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVES SUGGESTED THERE WAS A NEED TO STREAMLINE CONTROL OF THE HIGH LEVEL EXPERTS DISCUSSIONS ON THE NATO AEW PROGRAMME. THE PURPOSE OF THIS LETTER IS TO PROVIDE AMPLIFICATION OF THOSE SUGGESTIONS.

- IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE HIGH LEVEL GROUP NOW BECOME AN AD HOC COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY THE ASG(DS) DR. LABERGE, OR A VERY SENIOR MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF, UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE DPC IN PERMANENT SESSION. THIS PROPOSAL IS PROMPTED BY THE VIEW THAT THE PROGRAM HAS BECOME A POLITICAL ISSUE MORE THAN ONE OF ARMAMENTS DEVELOPMENT AND AS SUCH NEEDS TO BE DEALT WITH IN THE APPROPRIATE FORUM. IN ADDITION, THE PACE OF THE PROGRAM IS SUCH THAT THE HIGH LEVEL GROUP IS, IN FACT, REPORTING TO THE DPC
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 NATO 05871 240815Z

THROUGH THE ASG(DS) RATHER THAN CNAD. IT IS RECALLED THAT THE GROUP OF FINANCIAL EXPERTS WAS CONVENED OUTSIDE THE CNAD/HLG MANDATE AND IS LIKELY TO BE CONVENED AGAIN HENCE EXPERIENCE SHOWS THE NEED FOR AN APPROPRIATE RE-ADJUSTMENT OF THE PRESENT AEW PROGRAM ORGANIZATION TO MEET THE FACTS OF THE SITUATION.

- WE ARE NOT RECOMMENDING MUCH MORE THAN RECOGNITION OF THE DE FACTO OPERATION AND REPORTING OF THE HLG AND FINANCIAL EXPERTS. ACCORDINGLY, WITH A SLIGHT ALTERATION OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE HLG, PLANNING FOR THE PROGRAM COULD PROCEED IN A TIMELY AND DIRECT FASHION UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES.

- AT THE LAST DPC/MS, MINISTERS AGREED THAT EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO EXPEDITE THE REVIEW AND SUBMISSION OF AN ALTERNATE AEW PROGRAM IN ORDER THAT A COMMITMENT DECISION MIGHT BE ARRIVED AT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, PREFERABLY BY THE END OF 1977. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT ACHIEVEMENT OF THIS OBJECTIVE WOULD BE FACILITATED BY CARRYING OUT THE SLIGHT REORGANIZATION SUGGESTED ABOVE.

- I AM SENDING A COPY OF THIS LETTER TO ALL OTHER AMBAS-
SADORS. END TEXT. STREATOR

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: AWACS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 23-Jun-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977NATO05871
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: RR
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: n/a
Format: TEL
From: NATO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770624/aaaaauif.tel
Line Count: 118
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Message ID: 54e9ce77-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 STATE 84823 DTG 150056ZAPR77
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 12-Oct-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2049348
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: NATO AEW - CNAD HIGH LEVEL GROUP
TAGS: OCON, MILI, NATO
To: SECSTATE WASHDC WASHDC MULTIPLE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/54e9ce77-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009